

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated December 21, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated March 30, 2005 have been received and their contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 8 and 13 are hereby amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-11, and 13-18 are currently pending, of which claims 4-7 are currently withdrawn. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Okita (U.S. Patent No. 5,747,830). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...a light transmission restricting layer formed only beneath at least one of the pixel electrodes positioned between the first and second gate lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 3 and 17, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8-12, 13-15, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over the related art shown in Figure 2 in view of Tsujimura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,608,658). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 8 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 8 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...a light transmission restricting layer formed directly on the insulating layer and only beneath at least one of the plurality of pixel electrodes positioned between the G0 and G1 scanning lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 and claims 9-11, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 13 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 13 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the light transmission restricting layer is formed

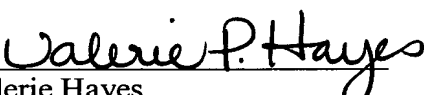
only beneath at least one of the plurality of pixel electrodes positioned between the G0 and G1 scanning lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 and claims 14, 15 and 18, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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